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SUBJ: UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. AS OF WEDNESDAY MORNING, WITH THREE DAYS LEFT IN SCHEDULED MEETING, TDB IS AT TOTAL IMPASSE OVER COMMODITY CONSULTATION ISSUE, SPECIFICALLY QUESTION WHETHER THERE WILL BE CONSULTATION ON COFFEE. AFRICANS, EXCEPT IVORY COAST, LED BY NIGERIA, WANT COFFEE CONSULTATION; LATIN AMERICANS, LED BY COLOMBIA, OPPOSE. BOTH SIDES ADAMANT. UNDER AFRICAN PROPOSAL, COFFEE CONSULTATION WOULD BE HELD IN COFFEE ORGANIZATION IF LATTER WILLING, BY UNCTAD IF NOT.

2. AS TACTIC IN SUPPORT OF THEIR POSITION, AFRICANS HAVE REFUSED TO AGREE TO ANY BOARD DECISION OR ACTION ON ANY SUBJECT, EVEN THOUGH OTHERWISE AGREED, E.G. RECOMMENDATION TO UNGA OF FURTHER MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUP ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. AFRICANS TELL US THEY INTEND TO

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PERSIST IN THIS AND ARE RADY TO GO HOME WITHOUT ANY BOARD

DECISIONS WHATSOEVER IF COFFEE CONSULTATION NOT AGREED.
ACCORDING TO SOME AFRICANS, ISSUE IS NOT JUST COFFEE BUT
ACCUMULATION OF GRIEVANCES AMOUNTING TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER
UNDULY SELFISH ATTITUDE OF LAS, WHOM THEY SAY THEY HAVE
SUPPORTED ON ISSUES OF LITTLE INTEREST TO THEM (E.G. CHARTER)
WITHOUT RECIPROCITY. (PROVISIONS ON LEAST DEVELOPED IN VARIOUS
UNCTAD CONTEXTS AND IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF GATT DRAFT DECLARATION
FOR TOKYO ARE ALSO AMONG ISSUES IN BACKGROUND.) GROUP B
IS CAREFULLY AVOIDING TAKING SIDES, AS ARE GROUP D AND ASIANS
UP TO THIS TIME.

3. AS RESULT OF AFRICAN POSITION THERE ARE NO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS
YET BEFORE BOARD. WHETHER COFFEE ISSUE
IS RESOLVED OR NOT, WHETHER ASIANS AND LAS
INTEND TO INTRODUCE AND PRESS OTHER RESOLUTIONS OR BOARD ACTIONS
IS NOT YET KNOWN. IF THEY DO, WE HAVE A VERY LIVELY TIME AHEAD.MILLE
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